

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 187 - SB 848**

March 7, 2001

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Expands the number of counties with extended early voting hours from those counties with a population in excess of more than 150,000 to those counties with a population in excess of 40,000.
- Requires that notice of the office hours shall be given by the county election commission not less than 25 days prior to the day of election by publication in a newspaper of general circulation *and by other appropriate, effective means of communication.*

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - \$117,000 FY02-03 and Every Other Year Thereafter**

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in local government expenditures for 13 additional counties that would be affected by this bill
- an average cost of \$4,500 per county for election commission personnel to work extended office hours during periods of early voting. The per county estimate is based on information from county election commission offices.
- the number of counties affected by the bill with a population in excess of 40,000 is based on the 1970 census as set out in current law.
- this would occur twice a year in even numbers years in August and November and would not occur in odd number years.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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